Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 1st, 1885.

The City Council met on 1st inst. Present:—Mayor Becher, Ald. Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Kingston, Browne, Stringer, Scarrow, Hodgins and Christie.

The minutes of last meeting were adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From A. Isaac, Clerk of the Municipality of London East, enclosing the following copy of a resolution passed at the last session of the Council:—Moved by Councillor Graydon, seconded by Deputy-Reeve Toll, that this Council have heard with regret that the City Council contemplates offering Queen's Park as one of the sites for the Western Fair Grounds, and this Council consider that should they do so it would be acting in bad faith with this Council, as it was verbally understood between the Amalgamation Committee that this property was to be retained as a park for all time to come.

The Mayor said this was a mistake, as the London East Committee wanted this agreed to, but it was not assented to.

The communication was filed.

From S. H. Steinhoff, appealing against increased assessment. No. 1.

From Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern, claiming $385, overpaid taxes in 1882, for the London Loan Company. No. 1.

Petition for a sewer on Gray street, between Wellington and Colborne streets, Dennis McCarthy and others. No. 2

From A. Tucker, asking that the gong purchased and put in his house at his own expense be taken over by the city. No. 3

For a sidewalk on the south side of Piccadilly street, between Maitland and William, from the residents. No 2.

For a lamp on the corner of Gray and Adelaide streets. No. 3.

From V. Cronyn, applying for drain tile necessary to complete drain from George street to the river along the north side of James street, the residents guaranteeing to lay the drain at their own cost. No. 2.

From Mrs. Elson, asking refund of $50 taxes overpaid on her property, 392 Richmond street, in 1884, through an error of the Assessors. No. 1.

From Evans Brothers & Littler, asking exemption from taxation on their piano factory, employing at present ten hands. No. 1.

From Sarah Tweedie, for extension of time for payment of her taxes. No. 1.

Mrs. Annie McDonough, for remission of taxes. No. 1.

Application for City Hall on Wednesday evening for Mrs. Youmans' lecture, from W. Bowman, President of the City Scott Act Alliance. Filed, the Clerk to notify the applicants that the Hall has already been granted to the congregation of St. Peter's Cathedral on the night asked for.

On motion of Ald. Scarrow it was also decided to notify Mr. Bowman that the Hall is at their disposal on any future night suitable to them.

From James Grant, Returning Officer from the county, asking for the use of the City Hall on June 15, for a meeting to appoint different agents, and on the 22nd for summing up the votes in the Scott Act polling. Granted.

From Robert A. Carrothers, asking the use of the City Hall for the holding of a ball in honor of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias. Granted free.

From Henry Mathewson, protesting against the permission granted Dr. Verrinder to erect a frame addition to his residence, on account of the danger from fire to the adjoining houses. No 3.

From John Labatt and six or seven hundred others, petitioning against the action of the Council in striking out a number of sites for the Fair Grounds, and praying that they be replaced in the By-law.

From John T. Colton (Secretary), enclosing copy of a resolution passed at the public meeting of citizens held in the City Hall on May 26, *re* Exhibition Grounds.

Taken up with the petition.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the petition be granted.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald.